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6. (twice amended) A method according to claim 5,

[wherein said sheet of glass has opposite side areas and a central area therebetween, and] wherein said [opposite] side

FI H areas of the sheet of glass are ^{shaped} ~~bent~~ successively from the central to the side areas.

10. (amended) A method of bending a sheet of glass

SI3 H2 heated nearly to a softening point thereof with a suction mold including first and second suction chambers having respective first and second shaping surface areas, comprising the steps of:

placing the sheet of glass on a ring mold;

lowering said suction mold toward said ring mold to an extent that the shaping surface areas come close to the sheet of glass on said ring mold;

F2 developing a first vacuum in said first suction [chmaber] chamber at a first time to attract [and bend] the sheet of glass against the first shaping surface area to shape the sheet of glass and then developing a second vacuum in said second suction chamber at a second time to attract [and bend] the sheet of glass against the second shaping surface area to complete the shaping of the sheet of glass, said first time being before said second time so that the sheet of glass is successively brought against the first and second shaping surface areas; and

releasing the sheet of glass from the first and second shaping surface areas of the suction mold onto a quenching ring and moving the sheet of glass to quenching.